

Imagine, under the Democrat plan, someone who is old enough to be able to run for the United States Congress would be considered a child and eligible for taxpayer-subsidized health care.

This is socialized medicine in its truest form. As a matter of fact, in Minnesota today, under the SCHIP proposal, fully 85 percent of all recipients are adults. Under the Democrat proposal in Minnesota, over 20,000 senior citizens in Minnesota will lose their Medicare Advantage.

Madam Speaker, this is mission leap towards embracing full socialized medicine, and I hope this United States Congress rejects this untimely proposal.

ADDRESSING CRITICAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I listened with a somewhat incredulous nature here to my colleague from Minnesota repeating the litany from our Republican friends that somehow this is a leap into socialism and represents a dramatic change.

Well, first of all, Madam Speaker, it ought to be clear that there are some States where there have been eligibility limits that have been increased. But why? Because Governors, including many of them Republican Governors, have requested waivers. Who gives the waivers? They have been granted by the Bush administration. If you think it is wrong to expand health care for more children, for some with slightly higher income levels, then stop granting the waivers.

This isn't a problem that somehow Democrats are leaping into socialized medicine. This is an effort at the State and local level to meet these critical problems. That is why the legislation today is going to pass with overwhelmingly partisan support.

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DEMOCRATS ATTEMPT TO NATIONALIZE HEALTH CARE

(Mr. TERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I think most of us as Republicans want to be able to provide health care access to low-income uninsured children, but that is not the issue or the bill that comes to the floor today. As we have heard from many of the speakers, it is to cover all children despite income levels and despite whether or not they are currently enrolled in a health insurance plan.

In fact, one of the Republican amendments that was denied in the Rules Committee and we cannot bring to the floor today is a measure that would say if you are currently enrolled in health

insurance, you are not eligible to participate in SCHIP. That is denied, and that is just one piece of evidence that we are going to bring out today showing that this is an attack on private health insurance coverage and the attempt to nationalize health care.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CHAMP ACT

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I rise in strong support of SCHIP or the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act, CHAMP. There are 45 million uninsured, and 6 million are children. These are children that are being impacted.

We talk about having productive children in our school systems, improving the quality of life. You can't do it without a clean bill of health. We have the responsibility for our children. More than 70 percent of uninsured Hispanic children eligible for public coverage are not enrolled. This is unacceptable.

The CHAMP Act takes significant steps in reducing the barriers for all children and seniors of color in our community. Unfortunately, some of the Members are using this legislation as an opportunity to debate unrelated health care, specifically, immigration policies and other issues.

We need to make sure that we support the CHAMP act. A vote for CHAMP will help more citizen children get access to health coverage which can be a difference between life and death.

SCHIP

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak against this extremely flawed SCHIP bill. I support the original intent of SCHIP, which is to cover our moderate- to low-income children at 200 percent of the poverty level. Yet the bill before us today goes much further. It does expand the program, and it does move it from a block grant to an entitlement, and it moves patients towards a universal, government-run health care that shifts patients from private care to a massive government entitlement program.

And I know what runaway health care costs in a broken system look like. As a former member of the Tennessee Senate, I watched TennCare, Tennessee's statewide Medicaid-managed care service, which was granted under one of those waivers, I have watched this thing invoke stress, pain and hardship on both health care providers and consumers. It does not work. Someone always has to pay the bill.

Over 10 years, also, this CHAMP bill would make \$193 billion worth of cuts from Medicare services for our seniors. It didn't work. It is not going to work here.

IMPOSING A HIDDEN TAX ON HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, here's the bill. Here is the health care bill folks have been talking about. Do you know what's in it? Most Members don't.

Under the guise of children's health, there is a hidden tax on every single private health insurance policy in the Nation. Every one. Why? Because the desire of those on the left to gradually move every American to Washington-controlled bureaucratic health care is so strong they will stop at nothing.

Their desire is to end the ability of patients and their doctors to make independent choices and decisions. As a physician, I know how detrimental the government can be to quality health care.

In addition, this bill will end the choices and freedoms that 8 million seniors currently have on Medicare Advantage, cutting Medicare to 8 million seniors.

Now, the left will pass this bill today because they can under a gag rule. That doesn't make the process or the policy correct. This is not what the American people want nor what they deserve, and they are watching.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to adjourn will be followed by a 5-minute vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 177, nays 231, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 779]

YEAS—177

Abercrombie	Barton (TX)	Bono
Aderholt	Biggert	Boustany
Akin	Bilbray	Brady (TX)
Alexander	Bilirakis	Brown (GA)
Bachmann	Bishop (UT)	Brown (SC)
Bachus	Blackburn	Brown-Waite,
Baker	Blunt	Ginny
Barrett (SC)	Boehner	Buchanan
Bartlett (MD)	Bonner	Burgess